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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 3355
and ASSEMBLY 0689
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November 2010

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS IN ALAMOGORDO



Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent

The Knights of Columbus has assigned a **new Field Agent for the Southeast region**. His name is **Michael Guilliams** and he can be reached at (cell) **575-442-9250** or his home address is **1407 Bellamah Dr., Alamogordo, NM 88310** or (e-mail) **Michael.guilliams@kofc.org**

ST. Mary's Council 3355

Officers for the year 2010-2011

Grand Knight	Tony Herrera
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Villabisencio
Chaplain	Vacant
Program Director	Freddie Pacheco
Chancellor	Charles Gonzales
Financial Secretary	John Schmidt
3 Year Trustee	Benito Montoya
2 Year Trustee	Victor Ramirez
1 Year Trustee	Jim Lenzo
Warden	Elias Trujillo
Advocate	Ruben Gomez
Recorder	Pablo Montoya
Treasurer	Steve Arnold
Inside Guard	Arnie Arcensio
Outside Guard	Paul Mancuso
Lector	David Marcus

Assembly 0689

Fourth Degree Officers 2010-2011

Faithful Navigator	Jim Villabisencio
Faithful Friar	David Marcus
Faithful Captain	Tony Herrera
Faithful Pilot	Ken Davis
Faithful Comptroller	David Pacheco
Faithful Purser	John Schmidt
Outer Sentinel	Charles Gonzales
Inner Sentinel	Ruben Gomez
Faithful Scribe	Fred Murray
Faithful Admiral	Jim Kautzman
3 Year Trustee	Jim Lenzo
2 Year Trustee	Alfredo Pacheco
1 Year Trustee	Ken Davis

Pot Luck Gathering

The potluck dinner is held the 4th Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight has cancelled the Family Night Dinner due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Meeting Night

The Corporation Meeting will be at 5:30 pm at the KC Hall on November 10, 2010 with the Business Meeting to follow. The Officers will need to arrive by 6:30 p.m. to prepare for the meeting to be held that night.

Our Newest Knight

We would like to announce our newest 1st Degree member Jesus Apodaca from our October 13 meeting. Please make him welcome when you meet him.

Knight of the Month

The Knight for October is Anthony Herrera, the Lady is LuLu Valdez and the Family is Paul & Alicia Mancuso. Please congratulate them.

Corporation News

At our meeting on November 10th we will discuss projects that need our attention with the funds received from Council 3355. Council members are invited to attend all regular corporation meetings. This is official notice that the Annual Board Meeting will be held January 12, 2011, at 5:30 pm in the Council Hall. Elections will be held to fill open positions. If you are interested in being on the Corporation Board call Alfredo F Pacheco @ 434-1959.

Alfredo F Pacheco
President

Youth Activities and Program for People with Disabilities (PPWD)

Special Olympics Otero County is now practicing bowling for the November State Games. We were unable to recruit athletes and coaches for a basketball team. State Games will be held in Las Cruces, hosted by Brother Knights of Las Cruces Councils. Want to help? The PPWD Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm @ the KC Hall to plan events and coordinate volunteers. Join us!

KC Hall Rental's (these dates are reserved)

Nov 6 / Birthday
Dec 4 / Christmas Party
Dec 18 / Christmas Party
Jul 2, 2011 / Reunion
Nov 12, 2011 / Wedding

Newsletter

The newsletter is published by Ken Davis. If you have an article for the newsletter please call 437-

This Month's Birthday Wishes

The Knights of Columbus want to extend a birthday wish to the Knights listed below:

November

Baca, Joe
Davis, Ken
Lenzo, James
Mancuso, Paul
Moore, Thomas
Placencio, Ben
Villabisencio, Santiago
Trujillo, Elias

Up Coming Events

Nov 2, All Souls Mass @ St Jude / 10:00 AM
Nov 5-6, St Jude Craft Fair / 11-3:00 PM
Nov 7, St Martin Day Mass @ St Jude / 5:00 PM
Nov 10, Corp Meet @ KC hall / 5:30 PM
Nov 17, 4th Social @ Tia Lupe's / 6:30 PM

Vocations

Please pray that the youth of today will answer the call to the religious life to become Priests, Deacons and Nuns.

The Good of the Order

We offer special prayers to Charles Gonzales who recently was discharged from the hospital. We also pray for all the Brother Knights and their families who are in poor health or having surgery. May they have a quick recovery especially Greg Telles, Earl Mier, Ciro Garofano, and Veronica Kautzman.

Membership

If you know an eligible Catholic gentleman, please invite him to become a Brother Knight. If you need a form 100 please call David Marcus at 434-1600 or John Schmidt (Financial Secretary) at 491-6878 or ask any of the officers.

4470 or e-mail ken-dawg51@hotmail.com



Respect Life News

October is RESPECT LIFE month! On, Sunday, October 3rd, the Life League of NM sponsored the 3rd Annual **Life Chain**, a silent, prayerful event where we held a Pro-Life sign for an hour and a half along White Sands Blvd. by Alameda Park. Several Knights joined us and showed support for the unborn. We witnessed a 98 % positive reaction from vehicles passing by. We can only pray that at least one Mother saw us and changed her mind about having an abortion. On Friday evening, October 15th at Peppers Grill, several Knights attended the 7th annual Fund Raising Banquet and Silent Auction for Living Alternatives/Pregnancy Help Center. If you have never attended this event, it was a very inspiring evening. Barb Cureto and Alex McBride shared personal testimonies about God reaching into their lives and making "Broken Hearts Brand New". The Pregnancy Help Center helps "God's Princesses" young women facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm.** The Life League of NM will again be holding a **Candlelight Prayer Vigil** to mark the Anniversary of Roe v Wade. More details will be forthcoming. Please remember on **Tuesday, Nov. 2nd that as Catholics we need to vote for Pro-Life candidates!!!!** My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast; I will sing and chant praise. Psalm 108: 2,

Rich and Christine Tenski
Pro-Life Couple



Donation to Salvation Army

The Council made their annual Thanksgiving donation to the Local Salvation Army. We have made a cash donation for the past 10 years to assist the needy families during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Pictured are Lt. Bob Leuras (Salvation Army) and Jim Lenzo (Trustee).

Lector's Report

Remembering the Souls Our Brother Knights and Ladies

Dear Knights,

Every year on November 2, the Church celebrates the "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." This is a time honor tradition that goes back to 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 which we are called to remember the departed. Let us take time on November 2 to remember not only four of our brother Knights of St. Mary Council who passed away this past year, but all our departed Knights of Columbus and ladies who gave 100 percent of their time, talent, and treasure by living the goals and ideas of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and setting the bar for all Knights to live by. Please attend the Commemoration Mass at St. Jude Chapel of Our Lady at 10 a.m. on November 2nd.

Retired Priest and Brother Knight Juan Montoya has agreed to be the Chaplain for our council. This will be the last year for Bishop Ricardo Ramirez as he is retiring with 28 years of service.



Cooking the meat at Fiesta



What, a dancing horse. !!



Who's the boss now Ruben ?



Busy, Busy, Busy.



The Nutter Brothers !!!



Honor Guard at Fiesta Mass with Bishop Ramirez and the Priest.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2011

Sheri Guilliams (President) Linda Villabisencio (Vice-President)
Donna Pacheco (Treasurer) Terry Davis (Secretary)

I would like to say thank you to all of the Ladies that attended our function on Saturday, October 16th. We have agreed to move our meeting to the first Wednesday of the month instead of meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. We will continue to meet at the K of C Hall and we will continue to meet at 7 p.m. I would again like to take this time to extend an invitation to all wives, sisters, mothers and daughters to attend our meetings and to join us in our effort to support our Knights (who ever they might be to us) and to start to make an effort to better our community one small step at a time. If you are interested in being a part of a Catholic group please consider our Auxiliary. I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, November 3rd! If you have any questions please feel free to call Sheri at 442-3701. If there is no answer please leave a message, and I will call you back.

Sheri Guilliams
Auxiliary President

Words from the Grand Knight

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the work you do to make the Knights of Columbus the great organization that it is. The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary continue to take the lead again and again in the donation of their time and hard work in supporting our churches, Father Hay's School and our community. I am truly glad to be part of this great organization.

Upcoming activities for our Council are on the 6TH of November when we have the annual bazaar at St. Jude. We have been ask to cook hamburgers and hot dogs . On the 2nd of November we are having a 10:00 am Mass at St. Jude for deceased Brother Knights. Corporate Communion was held at St. Jude on the 31 of October 25, 2010. I ask that you continue to pray for all our deceased brothers, sisters and those that are sick and in distress. We also pray for the unborn and continue to fight against abortion. May God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Tony Herrera
Grand Knight



Assembly 0689

WORDS FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Brother Knights, as you read this report I pray that all of your loved ones and yourself are in good health. May God bless all of you. As you all of you know, our monthly meeting was held as per schedule on the 20th of Oct 2010.

The meeting was called to order by the Faithful Navigator at 7:00 p.m. Several items came up that will require our support on the up-and-coming month of November and some items are a little late but are of interest.

On October 29th, Fr. Hay "The little school with a big heart" held a carnival from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Kudo's are in order for the staff and principal who worked so hard to make this event possible.

Brother Knights, please be aware that on November 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. the 4th Degree Honor Guard will be at St. Jude's Church at 1404 College Ave. We will be having an All Souls Day Mass. Brother Alfred Pacheco will read a memoriam on behalf of our deceased brother Knights. Please come and pray with us. Show time for the Honor Guard is 9:30 a.m.

Work has already begun on a float for the Christmas Parade with Brother Freddie Pacheco leading the way. He has many great ideas, but will need some help making this happen. The Christmas Parade will be held on the 11th of December. Please call Freddie Pacheco at 434-1959 to volunteer. See you there.

On November 17, 2010 we invite all the 4th Degree Members and their families to Tia Lupe's Mexican Restaurant located 1200 N. White Sands Blvd. We will have our Social Meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m. See you there, God willing.

Well brothers and ladies of the Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's Council 3355 and Assembly 0689, I want to thank all of you for a job well done at the Fiesta de la Familia held on 1,2,3rd of October, 2010. The Fiesta was a success and kudo's go to the Knights and Ladies for a job well done. We were involved in all aspects of the Fiesta, cooking red chile, cooking the 900 lbs of meat, setting up the booths, the big tent, working the booths, etc. Once again, God bless all of you. This shows what unity and charity can do. Que Dios les de muncha vida en buena salud. May God give you a long life and good health. Que Vivat Jesus

Santiago Villabisencio
Faithful Navigator

Words from the District Deputy for District 17 November 2010

Greetings fellow Catholic gentlemen, Brother Knights, Ladies of the Auxiliary, and Families:

We must be proud for the wonderful month we had in October. Our participation during the month included the Immaculate Conception Church Fiesta, attendance in two Pro-Life events, while providing financial support to obtain an Ultrasound Machine to promote life over death of the unborn.

As Catholics we have outdone ourselves and for this I thank each of you. In the times of Father McGivney, Catholics were a minority and often performed those jobs considered to be less than desirable. Today with the Grace of God we continue to flourish under the Pope, our Catholic Priests and the Catholic Community we serve. As Catholics we support our churches and what they stand for. As members of the Knights of Columbus we are further obligated to promote Father McGivney's dream providing for our family members in Life and Death. For this reason I can say I am proud to be first a Catholic and then a Knight.

I wanted to briefly provide an update to last month's newsletter report concerning our Catholic Church in Boles Acres, which touched the emotions of many. In order to see the results first hand, I accepted Brother Ascencio's offer to visit and view the church in its current state. I was saddened to see how vandals damaged our sacred Church, which in my opinion is inexcusable. I admit I was a bit emotional; however, I must report the church has now been cleaned and the windows boarded to protect further unwanted entry. I believe the first report of damage was made with added emotions and was not the intent to mislead or further dramatize the damage. With that I am now confident the damage can be remedied, but only Father Bryant may know at what cost. I will not comment on the financial status as that is the Church's responsibility. I do realize that many have fond memories of the Church, while others do not know and are unsure where our Lady of the Desert is located. While there, I could imagine the vandals saying, "Well no one is going to care, the house is vacant, the grass needs to be mowed and the trees are in poor health." As a Catholic I am saddened, that I failed to visit our Lady of the Desert, so that I would know what was needed and to see what could be done. I pray, May our House never be considered vacant, nor the Spirit of our Catholic Faith falter, for without both, the Knights of Columbus could not exist. We must remember Knights are Catholics First! We honor life and death, and the positions of those who lead us. For those whom felt the report in last month's newsletter overstepped our responsibility exceeding our expertise, I welcomed your response as it has been brought to my attention. As the senior officer in the District and publisher of last month's newsletter, I apologize for any misgivings and pray that we can refocus on our positive attributes.

November brings further opportunities to share our abilities and finances in the community, as we look forward to supporting St. Jude's Bazaar and the celebration of Mass by the Bishop during the upcoming Mariachi Conference.

We also pray for Father Franklin as he performs his final masses in Carrizozo and Capitan preparing for retirement. I encourage your continue e-mail and calls, which provide me important information about those in need of prayers or assistance, remembering that the information will be shared with consideration to those involved. I pray that my and your efforts on earth will be remembered and honored at the time of death.

Tempus Fugit, Momento Mori!

Sincerely,

Benito A. Montoya

Member of Immaculate Conception Church & District Deputy for District 17